



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SPECIAL OLYMPICS WEEK

- WHEREAS: The Special Olympics provides an important opportunity for young adults with disabilities to discover and experience the joy and confidence associated with participation in sporting events. The organization strives to create inclusive environments in which young people with similar needs and circumstances can inspire one another to reach new potentials; and
- WHEREAS: Special Olympics Georgia hosts an annual event with more than 23,000 athletes and over 15,000 volunteers; and
- WHEREAS: The athletes in these games compete in a wide range of sports, including aquatic events, track and field, soccer, tennis, rhythmic gymnastics, badminton, volleyball, and table tennis; and
- WHEREAS: Special Olympics Georgia invites young adults to showcase their talents and develop physical fitness in a setting that supports them and offers them the resources to thrive. Participants share their gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community; and
- WHEREAS: The Special Olympics Athlete Oath, "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt," embodies the spirit and heart of these athletes and provides encouragement for all Georgia citizens; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 15–21, 2017, as SPECIAL OLYMPICS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 7th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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